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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1  
-- After receiving the instant message from the sender 602a, the host 604 authenticates the instant message (step 610). In addition to the textual body, the instant message may include header information identifying the message type, the screen name and/or IP address of the sender and recipient, and a randomly generated security number. The instant message may be authenticated by, for example, using a reverse look-up table to match the screen names and/or IP addresses with those of valid subscribers. In the event that either the sender 602a or the recipient 602b is not associated with a valid subscriber, the host 604 reports an error message.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2  
-- Upon receiving the report from the host 604, the sender 602a displays a UI according to the capabilities of the sender and/or the recipient 602b (step 625). If the sender 602a is not talk enabled, then a standard instant messaging user interface is displayed. If the sender 602a is talk enabled, but the recipient 602b is not talk enabled, a START TALK UI having a grayed START TALK button is displayed. If both the sender 602a and the recipient 602b are talk enabled, a START TALK UI having a functioning START TALK button is displayed. --